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REPORTS OF SAMPSON AND SCHLEY.

TO DEPRIVE THE INDIANA OF ANY

Washington, Aug. 25,-Admiral Sampson has forwarded to the Navy Department the following letters which have passed between himself and Captain Taylor, of the battle-ship Indiana;

U. S. S. Indiana. Guantanamo, Bay, Cuba, August 8, 1898. Admiral: The report of Commodore Schley on he battle of July 3, as published, gives credit in the seventh paragraph to four ships, and mentions by name their captains, Philip, Evans, Clark and "The dense smoke of the combat shut out from my view the Indiana and the your flagship, no doubt their part in the conflict

2 In your report, as published, you make but dight mention of the Indiana, stating that the lown and the Indiana, having done good work, and ot having the speed of the other ships, were di-

A The result of these reports is that the capains of all the vessels of the line of battle exthe official report before the Department, while the smaller vessels have distinctive mention either

4. If the official record should be referred to in the future, it will appear from its general tone that the Indiana was less deserving than all of her consorts. Leaving out my personal interest in the matter, it is right that I should consider the officers and crew of the ship; and I speak for them is well as for myself when I submit to you. Admiral, that the above combination of the report will place the ship, in the opinion of the Department and the country, markedly below all the other vessels of your squadren. I respectfully subthat this is injustice to the Indiana and her officers and crew.

5. I can say, without disparagement of any other that, during the first hour of the fight Indiana's gun fire contributed to the destruction of the Oquendo and the Teresa more than that of any other single vessel of our squadron, except one, and equals hers. I do not know why the second in command failed to observe the Indiana during this period of our hotiest fight. I saw the

the Indiana will, I believe, convince you, sir, that they do produce the effect of putting the If it be your opinion, sir, that this is the case, and that all the vessels, from the Brooklyn to the Vixen, rendered services as much more valuable than the Indiana as the published report of the Commander-in-Chief and the second in command. taken together, would indicate, then I must accept it for myself and for the ship; if, on the contrary, that be not your opinion. I urge respectfully that such steps be taken to remedy this injustice as may seem wise to you. Very respectfully,
H. C. TAYLOR,

Captain, United States Navy, Commanding.
To the Commander-in-Chief, United States Naval Force, North Atlantic Station.

To this letter Admiral Sampson sent the fol-

U. S. S. New-York, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, August 8, 1898. Sir: I am greatly obliged that you have called my attention to what appears to have been an injustice to your ship, officers and crew for the part which they took in the action of July 1, and also for the very proper manner in which you have presented that, in submitting such a report to the Secretary of the Navy, where so many officers are vitally interested, and justly proud of their ship, it is no

that were to the westward of the escaping enemy were certainly better placed for stopping the enemy, and also better placed for delivering their the blockading station of the Indiana.

praise unjustly. It requires very careful considera-

tion of the report from every point of view to avoid

predict and provide against every variation of such ship under his command was faster or slower than another ship or carried a heavier or lighter battery, but rather that the commanding officer was blame-worthy when he failed to put his ship in the proper place for destroying the enemy, just in proportion to the advantage which he possessed in speed, bat-

tery or position over his neighbors.
4. Each commanding officer, in my opinion, was made of the tools with which he had to work. certainly did not intend to criticise you nor to bestow less praise upon the Indiana than was be-stowed upon any other ship of the squadron.

5. The fact that the commanding officer of the Indiana was signalled to return to blockade at the mouth of the harbor, after she had so gallantly contributed to the destruction of the Spanish ships, was only a necessary precaution which the Com-mander-in-Chief felt obliged to take to prevent disaster to the large number of transports which were left in that vicinity when the fleet started in pursuit of the enemy. There were still some armed more-which could have come out in the absence of

of an armed vessel.

6 This explanation, together with your letter, will be sent to the Department, with the request that it may be attached to and form a part of the original report. Very respectfully. W. T. SAMPSON, Rear-Admiral, U. S. N., Commander-in-Chief United States Naval Force, North Atlantic Station.

To the Commanding Officer, U. S. S. Indiana, Guantaramo Bay, Cuba.

VANDERBILT SYSTEM CHANGES.

THE FAST FREIGHT LINES TO BE CONSOLI-DATED, AND THE OFFICES OF THE COM-BINATION TO BE IN BUFFALO

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Aug. 25 (Special).—The traffic managers of the Vanderbilt system fast freight lines have been in session here for the last two days, and have perfected a consolidation that will be far-reaching in its effect. No recent step in railroad circles has caused such sweeping changes as this will make. F. L. Pomeroy, of Buffalo, is to be general manager of the Red. White and Blue. Canada Southern and Midland lines, and W. F. Wison, of Buffalo, is to be general manager of the West Shore, Nickel Flate and North Shore Dis-patch lines.

West Shore, Nickel Flate and North Shote Dispatch lines.
George G. Street, who is now general manager of
the Blue and Canada Southern lines in Rochester,
is to be general accountant of the eight lines.
W. J. Mann. of Detroit, is to be claim agent.
All the offices are to be in Buffalo. The change
will go into effect on October 1. The change lets
out D. F. Jennings, general manager of the Nickel
Plate line in Chicago, but he is to succeed G. B.
Spriggs as general freight agent of the Nickel
Plate. In all large cities where the various lines
are represented general agencies will be opened,
and some idea of the effect may be obtained from
the fact that Chicago and St. Paul will be the only
Western cities to have two representatives of the
Vanderbilt system.

FRENCH CRUISER REPORTED LOST. Paris, Aug. 25.—The evening papers report that the French armored cruiser Bruix has foundered in the Indian Ocean, but the report is not con-

JAMAICA ANNEXATION MOVEMENT.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 25.—The American an-nexation movement begun on Monday in Manchester is rapidly spreading and finding general accept-

The promoters of the movement are pushing it vigorously, being desirous of strengthening the hands of Jamaica's representative at the Barbadoes conference, thus encouraging intercolonial co-operation. The sole obstacle encountered is the color

CAPTAIN TAYLOR PROTESTS. A NEW AMERICAN REPUBLIC CAMARA'S FLEET AT FERROL. PEACE COMMISSION'S PLANS. LIEUTENANT TIFFANY DEAD. CONDITIONS AT MONTAUK.

VADOR, HONDURAS AND NICARA-

GUA FINISHES ITS WORK. Managua, Nicaragua, Aug. 25.-The conven-

ADMIRAL SAMPSON'S REPLY-NO ATTEMPT tion which has been engaged in formulating ron, consisting of the Pelayo, the Carles V, the a constitution for the United States of Central America, embracing Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua, has finished its work,

Commissioners were appointed to convene at Commissioners will supplant the Diet of the assume provisional federal powers.

They will make preparations for the election on December 1 of a president, senators, representatives and federal judges for terms of four years, and for the installation in office of those elected on March 1, 1899.

The federal district includes more than 3,000 square miles on the Pacific Coast.

REPORT THAT ENTIRE BRITISH FLEET IN CHINESE WATERS HAS ARRIVED AT WEI-HAI-WEL

London, Aug. 26 .- A dispatch to a news agency from Shanghai reports that the entire available Wei-Hai-Wei to support the demands of Sir Claude Macdonald, British Minister to China.

There is no confirmation of the report obtain-

ENGLAND'S CHINESE POLICY. REPORT THAT THE BRITISH MINISTRY SENT UL-TIMATUM TO RUSSIA LACKS CON-

London, Aug 25.-The dispatch cabled from London to New-York to the effect that Lord Salisbury. before leaving for France, informed Her Majesty that in the present critical state of the relations with Russia he must resign unless her frequently given an absolutely free hand, and that thereupon Ministry made definite proposals to Russia elaboration of the current gossip of the clubs, and is obviously impossible of confirmation or denial. Circumstantial evidence all goes to disprove the

Lord Sallsbury has been spending his in France since Parliament adjourned. Sir Thomas tion. Henry Sanderson, Permanent Under Secretary of tant officials of the Foreign Office, and likewise the Russian Ambassador to Great Britain, M. De Stael, have been on the Continent for a long time. Apparently there are no important negotiations afoot

England abandoned the open-door pol Russia closed the door in her face, and retreated to the policy of spheres of influence because necessary to appear to have some Chinese pol-Two British ships were withdrawn from Chinese waters yesterday.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATORS.

AFTER HOLDING FIVE MORE SESSIONS IN QUEBEC COMMISSIONERS WILL PROB-ABLY MEET IN WASHINGTON.

Quebec, Aug. 25 .- The International Arbitration Commissioners adjourned this afternoon until 11 o'clock next Monday morning. After that they probably will meet each day until September 2, when an adjournment will be easy task to do so without apparently bestowing taken until September 20.

The Commissioners decline to give out anything concerning the details of to-day's work. The full scope of the work was not canvassed, the Antilles since March, 1895, 50,000 have per- be named may come to Washington if it hapnor was it determined just how much the Commission will be able to accomplish in the way of consideration

It is understood, however, that before the conference adjourns next week the Commissioners | Government will, it is thought, avert the danwill be able to judge very accurately what the gers that otherwise might have existed of the TERMS TO PASS TWICE THROUGH THE FIRE final outcome of their deliberations will be. Nothing is said as to whether the Commission will meet here after the recess or at Washington or some other place. An effort is being sand other officers on the active list. For these made to have the meetings continued at Ottawa, it is proposed that the number of line regiments 5, indicates that Senor Sagasta had to capitubut this will probably not be decided until the meeting on September 2. In the mean time, between this date and Monday each Commission will work separately upon various ques- ing troops, and private subscriptions are pour-

The joint meetings are held behind closed doors in the Parliament buildings, and no one but the Commissioners and the secretaries is TWO MORE TRANSPORTS AT MANILA. permitted to be present. No delegations have appeared during the last two days for hearings. In fact, the Commissioners do not expect to called upon to grant any more hearings. They will work out the details of each question, and then in joint session exchange views and determine what settlement, if any, can be arrived at between the two countries.

It is said, also, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's posttion may become an obstacle in the way of the Commission's success. The assertion is made that Sir Wilfrid steadily declines to consider the arbitration or adjustment of any one matter under discussion unless the Americans will agree to a final settlement of all the questions. It is said that he will insist upon a complete cleaning up of all the differences or nothing

But all this is the talk of newspapers and outsiders. Neither Sir Wilfrid Laurier nor the Manila the duty alone is \$2.05. The duty on Commissioners will discuss any of these points.

THE PRESIDENT TO TAKE A REST.

WILL LEAVE WASHINGTON SATURDAY ON

Washington, Aug. 25.-President McKinley announced this afternoon that he would leave Washington for Somerset, Penn., at 9 o'clock next Saturday morning to visit his brother, Abner McKinley. He will spend Sunday there, and on the way will stop at Camp Meade, Middletown, Penn., for about half an hour.

This will be the first vacation President Mc-Kinley has taken since war threatened. It will be of short duration, occupying in all, according to present plans, less than a fortnight. He will day with a grand military and civic parade, in make the journey on a special train of Pullman which the 35th Michigan Regiment had the right cars. Mrs. McKinley will be with him, and they will have a small party of friends as guests.

play and publicity of his movements as possible, he desiring a quiet trip, unhampered by ceremonies. Accordingly, his plans as made do not include a general review of the troops at Camp Meade. The train on the road to Somerset will make a short stop at Middletown, Penn., where the President has planned to stay just long enough to look over the camp. He will next proceed direct to his brother's home. Beyond that point his plans are not finally settied. He has promised to make a visit to Camp Wikoff at Montauk Point, Long Island, when the condition of the troops will permit them to march in review, and it is possible, though not probable, that he may go there next week. He has a special desire to see the heroes of Santiago, and will endeavor to reach Montauk at as early a date as their physical condition war-

ROYAL BLUE LINE TO WASHINGTON Schedule now in effect. Two "Royal Blue Limited" trains leave New York, at 11:30 a. m. and 1 p. m., making the run to Washington in five hours,—advt.

ALLEGES UNJUST TREATMENT IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR SAL- BLUEJACKETS TO HELP SPANISH REG-

ULARS IF CARLISTS RISE.

Ferrol Aug. 25 .- Admiral Camara's squad-Vitoria, the Rapido, the Patriota (transport) the Alfonso XII and the destroyers Audaz and Proserpina, which left Cadiz on Saturday, calling at Vigo and Corunna, arrived here at noon Amapola, Honduras, on November 1 next. These to-day. Admiral Camara is actively superintending all arrangements for disembarking the Greater Republic of Central America, and Will Santiago troops at Vigo, Corunna and Santan-The destroyer Osado was in such bad condition that she could not keep up with the rest of the fleet, and when off St. Vincent returned to Cadiz. As soon as her repairs are completed there the Osado will sail with the Meteoro for

Admiral Camara has consulted with the military authorities, and in case the Carlists The constitution has not been submitted to a take advantage of the landing of the troops | Commission to Paris in an advisory capacity. bluejackets will be disembarked at Santander. TO SUPPORT ENGLAND'S DEMANDS. and will operate on land in conjunction with and General Woodford were also called in.

> chinists are employed, who were brought here from the Forges et Chantiers Compagnie, at | Saturday, Havre, before the war, and who are familiar mosa are in the harbor and in good condition. still under construction.

SPAIN'S CABINET COUNCIL.

Madrid, Aug. 25.-The Queen Regent presided at to-day's Capinet Council. The home situation was discussed, and Premier Sagasta gave details of the capitulation of Manila and Santiago, and explained the manner in which the

The Cabinet Council also discussed the situa-Manila for the immediate needs of the Spanish

SPANISH SOLDIERS DIE AT CORUNNA. Madrid, Aug. 25.-The landing of troops at Corunna continues. The men present a piteous spectacle. Eight died to-day.

SPAIN'S WAR EXPENSES.

Madrid, Aug 25 -"The Gazette" gives the Cuban war expenses from January 1 to June 3

SPAIN'S PAGE FOR AMUSEMENTS. London, Aug. 26 -- The Madrid correspondent

"The Bishop of Tarragona, in a pastoral, and many newspapers and the clergy deplace the rage throughout the country for amusements, which culminated in the unusual spectacle of women acting as toreadors in a bull fight here, which is considered most inappropriate when the country is mourning the loss of brave sons."

RETURN OF THE SPANISH TROOPS.

"The Standard" says

"Nothing can better illustrate the country's weariness and distillusion than the small excite- | the five Commissioners will come to Washington months' arrears of pay

"This clever stroke of policy on the part of the

litical or military intriguers and Carlists. "There are forty-three generals and six thoushall be increased.

"The Government has liberally provided hosnital and other accommodations for the returning in from various parts of Spain, also for the assistance of the sick soldiers."

Washington, Aug. 25.-The War Department has received the following:

Manila, August 25, 1898, 8:35 a.m.
Adjutant-General, Washington.
Rio de Janeiro and Pennsylvania arrived 24th;
all well; no casualties, excepting Private Wenks,
lst South Dakota, who died between San Franclsco and Honolulu.

MERRITT.

CUSTOMS DUTIES AT MANILA. London, Aug. 25 .- The Hong Kong correspond-

ent of "The Daily Mail" says: "The retention of the prohibitive Spanish du-

ties at Manila by the American authorities is causing concern among merchants here, who have asked United States Consul-General Wildman to use his influence with General Merritt to secure a modification of them. American kerosene oil sells here for \$100 a case, while at flour is 70 cents a sack. The object of the Spaniards in imposing pro-

hibitive duties was to shut out foreign imports. If they are retained they will prevent the importation of American goods into Manila. Lierchants here in shipping goods to Manila did so on the understanding that the Manila tariff would be in accord with the existing American customs laws."

BUSINESS MEN'S CONVENTION CLOSES.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED LOOKING TO THE EX-CHANGE OF THE PHILIPPINES

FOR CANADA.

Detroit, Aug. 25 (Special). The three days' ses-sion of the business men's convention closed toof line. The industrial display of floats was the greatest ever seen here. Much more interesting, however, was the peace jubilee and business session to-day. The delegates from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana could hardly wait to form a permanent organization, so anxious were they to adopt unanimously certain resolutions which had been prepared. The first resolution, after a preamble alluding to the voyage of the Oregon, said: Eesolved, That in our judgment the Nicaragua Canal should be constructed, owned and controlled by the United States, and maintained as a neutral port, admitting all nations on equal terms with ourselver.

The second resolution asked for closer trade relations and a treaty of reciprocity with Canada; the third for the establishment of American sovereignity in the Philippines, and then a policy of trading the Philippines to Great Britain for Canada. Ohio and Indiana could hardly wait to form a

ada.

Marcus Pollaski, formerly of California, created enthusiasm when he stated "that President Mc-Kinley was as surely anointed of God to settle the Eastern question as Abraham Lincoln was anointed to emancipate the slaves."

HAMBURG LINE STEAMER ASHORE.

Hamburg, Aug. 25.-The Hamburg-American Line steamer Palatta, Captain Karlowa, from New-York August 13, while proceeding through the Elbe for this port to-day, went aground at Krautsand. She will lighten.

WILL START FOR PARIS BETWEEN SEP. ONE OF THE ROUGH RIDERS SUCCUMES TEMBER 15 AND 20.

A CONFERENCE AT THE STATE DEPART-MENT-MUCH OF THE PRELIMINARY

Washington, Aug. 25.-The first meeting of a tors Davis and Frye. Prior to this, the Senaconference of two hours with the President. Secretary Day was not present at the White House meeting, so that after getting the views from Cuba to begin rising, Admiral Camara's was present part of the time. Mr. McArthur, Secretary of the American Legation at Madrid,

As a result of the meeting, it can be stated The machinery of the Carlos V, which is out | with positiveness that Messrs. Day, Davis and of order, will probably be repaired in the at- | Frye are members of the Peace Commission. It senal here, where several skilled French ma- is understood that the remaining two members have been selected and will be announced by to-night had not completed arrangements re-

with the machinery of the Carlos V. The tor- Commission as to proceeding to Paris were talked pedo-boats Barcelo, Habana, Ejercito and Reta- over, and an understanding was reached that The exact day was left open in order to permit further conferences with all the members of the No definite arrangements have Paris, but this will be left to Ambassador Porter, the plans of meetings to be arranged between Mr. Porter, the Spanish Ambassador at

tion of the army at Manila and sanctioned the ers went into some of the more serious questions dispatch of funds to Admiral Cervera and to of policy which will come before them. Much of the preliminary work has been done by the tion of documents, treatles, books and maps which will be used by the Commissioners abroad

The Commissioners expect to be occupied for several days in a discussion of the more imand in the preparation of the American side of

The question whether the negotiations with the Spanish Commissioners would be in the English or the French language will not be determined prior to the arrival of the Commissioners in Paris. It is a matter that might be settled by all the Commissioners, and will not be deternined arbitrarily by the American Commissioners in advance of the meeting.

FIVE MEMBERS TO SERVE

appointed, it was stated authoritatively this afoon that the Commission would consist of

White House, where he held an extended talk with the President, presumably upon the final

a concerted character until September 15, wher pens to be convenient, although there is felt to

THE CORTES AND PEACE.

OF PARLIAMENTARY DISCUSSION.

of "The Times" says: "The convocation of the Cortes for September late to a majority of his colleagues. The chief advocate of the early assembling of the Cortes was the Minister of Justice, Senor Groizard, a recognized authority on intricate questions. The peace conditions are thus fated to pass

twice through the fire of parliamentary discussion-first in embryonic state, as defined in the protocol, and subsequently in fully developed

upon prorogation during the sittings in Paris of the Peace Commission.

"The press halls this solution as a victory for genuine constitutionalism over what 'El Imparcial' describes as 'A dictatorship of impotence. There are many indications that the session will be extremely lively. The Government will have to justify the suspension of the Constitution and the press censorship, and there is no doubt that the orators of the Chamber will make strenuous efforts to rouse the nation from its culpable

"Prelonged discussions on the chief incidents of the war are probable, and awkward questions will be asked regarding the responsibility for blunders. The discussion of the protocol is also likely to be prolonged and animated, but It can hardly have any practicable importance because the fate of the Antilles is irrevocable and the Philippine question cannot be minutely examined before the Paris Commission meets." The Madrid correspondent of "The Standard"

sition organs of every shade, including the conservative and independent journals, openly show delight at the convocation of the Cortes. It is their firm belief that the days of the Liberal Government are numbered. They also announce that the Opposition considers that its hour of reckoning has come. The Opposition will not allow the Government to close the sesmay desire. His opponents, they add, are de- daughter, the wife of Colonel Rice. termined to discuss all the acts of the Cabinet before and during the war, and there will be ate return to the United States. prolonged debates.

"Some papers are even laboring under the detusion that the Cortes can discuss the contem-plated instructions to the Peace Commissioners,

and means. The treasury is already becoming

TO CAMPAIGN HARDSHIPS. Boston, Aug 25 (Special).-Lieutenant Willam Tiffany, of New-York City, an officer in Roosevelt's Rough Riders, died at the Parker House in this city at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The end was somewhat unexpected, and came as a surprise to his relatives, as there had been ultimate recovery of the sick soldier. He was army or climatic disease. Although seriously ill. Lieutenant Tiffany's condition had not at any time since his arrival from Santiago on the Olivette a few days ago been regarded as criti-He was simply weak and emociated as a result of insufficient nutrition and the privations of the campaign.

His relatives arrived in time to be at his bedside during his last hours. Mrs. George Tiffany, Maud Livingston, his flancee, of New-York, arrived at the Parker House this morning. Belmont Tiffany, his brother, had been here several Members of his family at noon announced that Lieutenant Tiffany was improv-

The body will be taken to New-York to-mor row. The members of the family at a late hour garding the funeral.

Of the New-York Rough Riders, William Tiffany was one of the best known to the public. For many years he was a member of most of the best New-York clubs, and was a well-known crosscountry rider. Financial reverses came, and he was compelled to go to work. He did not shirk the formed a co-partnership with Rawlins Cottenet, to carry on a florist's business. Their store was on eighth-st., and was known as the "Rosery oon did a good business. Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont her daughter, Consuelo Vanderbilt, to the Duke of Mariborough. After superintending the work of placing these decorations Tiffany & Cottenet reurned to their homes, changed their clothing and then attended the wedding and the reception

Mr. Tiffany was twenty-nine years old. He was member of the Knickerbocker Club. He was a of the late August Belmont. In the hope of better ing his health and obtaining recreation, young Tiffany went to Montana several years ago, and while there he experienced the life of a cowboy on the

olonel Theodore Roosevelt. Among the first tothe Rough Riders was the Knickerbocker Quartet, of which Tiffany was a member, the other members being Woodbury Kane, Reginald Ronalds and Craig Wadsworth. On May 20 Mr. Tiffany was made a sergeant of Troop K, of the Rough recognition of his gallantry in the fighting before

the regiment sailed from Santiago word of the inability of his brother to be with the bring him home. It was on August 11 that Perry Tiffany sailed on the transport Yale for Cuba. that time William Tiffany was still ill from fever five members, and that one of the Commissioners in the hospital at Santiago. He was finally brought board Sergeant Hallett Alsop Borrowe, of the

TROOPS ORDERED SENT HOME.

FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF THOSE NOT NEEDED FOR DUTY WILL LAND IN THIS CITY.

Washington, Aug. 25 -Orders have been is sued directing General Miles to send home from Poto Rico all troops not actually needed for service there. No point has been designated as yet or their disembarkation in the United States, ress. It is desired to secure a healthful camp, ard at the same time one where disembarkation can take place at once without any delay such

as occurred at Montauk. It is expected that some of the troops to be London, Aug. 25.-The Madrid - rrespondent | sent home from Porto Rico will sail to-day or

COMMISSION TO BE SENT TO REPORT ON THE ISLAND'S NEEDS-SYSTEM IN THE CAMPS WORKS WELL

Washington, Aug. 25.—Postmaster-General Emory Smith will dispatch a commission to Porto Rico shortly to examine into the postal necessities there eaty form.

'It is stated that the Government will insist
of a complete service. This order has not been
our proposation during the sittings in Paris of ormally approved by the Postmaster-General, but he following persons recommended for appoint-

> Major J. E. Stuart, chief of the Commission, who for many years has been in the service of the De-partment in the Chicago division, and who was offered the position of postal agent at Santiago after the death of Eben Brewer, but, being connected with an Illinois regiment, preferred to stay with the Army; William M. Mooney, of Wheeling, W. Va., of the Third Assistant Postmaster-Genral's office, and J. B. Masten, who has been con-

ughly, select places for offices and incorporate the results of their work in a report to the Postmaster-

General. This report probably will be submitted to Congress as a basis for legislation. The postal arrangements at Santiago are reported to be working in a satisfactory manner, and there is some talk of establishing a free delivery system there.

is some take to exceed a letter from First Lieutemant D. J. Murphy, of the 9th Massachusetts, at Thoroughfare, Virginia, expressing on behalf of himself and the officers and men complete satisfaction with the mail service for the troops. There was some trouble because mail addressed to the Camp Alger troops was sent to Cuba by mistake, but this is

MRS. MILES IN PORTO RICO.

Ponce, Porto Rico, Aug. 25.-The United States transport Obdam, from Charleston, arsions as quickly as Señer Sagasta fancies or rived this morning, bringing Mrs. Miles and her

LAST OF ARMY SAILS TO-DAY.

Washington, Aug. 25.-The last of Shafter's army will sail from Cuba to-morrow. The following dispatch was received at the War Department late this afternoon:

and means. The treasury is already becoming very empty. Even many friends of the Cabinet consider the convocation of the Cortes a mistaken act of weakness fraught with consequences which will prove undesirable and inconvenient both in home politics and relations with the United States."

CUBA AND THE SPANISH TARIFF.

Havana, Aug. 25.—The Spanish colonial authorities, while they have decided that merchandise frem Santiago and other ports occupied by the American forces is to be considered foreign, and thus subject to Custom House duties, have taken under special consideration the future of the agricultural products and manufacturing industries at such points, with a view of suggesting to the Madrid Government, leaving the output in bond pending a decision from Madrid.

Iowing dispatch was the part of the Cabinet Cabinet

SECRETARY ALGER BRINGS ABOUT MUCH IMPROVEMENT.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE] Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, N. Y., Aug. 25. -General Alger was not permitted to carry out his intention of roughing it with the soldiers last night, although he was much ir clined to do so, in spite of the threatening condition of the weather. There was every prospect of just as severe a storm as that which swept over Camp Wikoff Wednesday night, and General Wheeler's headquarters, where General Alger contemplated having his tent, are on a hill which is exposed

President Baldwin urged General Alger to make use of his private car, which stood in no danger of having its roof blown off by any Long Island gale, and General Alger finally, though rather reluctantly, consented. He had not been in the car more than half an hour before the rain began to fall and the thunder to roll, and the General, whether he thought so or not, was a little more comfortable than in a canvas tent. After breakfasting with General Wheeler this

morning, General Alger again set out for a visit to the general hospital, this time acco panied by General Wheeler. He met the medical staff, and with them made another tour of the wards. One of the first things that caught his eye were a number of mud puddles left by last night's rain, and these he directed to be drained and filled in immediately. The guard, which at the hospital has nothing particular to do, was at once put to work, and the puddles rapidly disappeared.

head of each cot occupied by a sick soldier a card should be pinned, containing the soldier's name, rank, company and regiment and his condition from day to day, and that a book be kept in the hospital office in which should be entered a complete record of any case brought As the General passed through the wards he

General Alger also recommended that at the

day, and expressed again his sympathy for their illness and weakened condition. As he was passing down the head pavilion that connects the several wards he met a soldier walking cane. The soldier recognized General Alger, and, stepping one side, saluted. General Alger raised his hat and asked the soldier his name. "I am Corporal Boldt, sir, of the 13th Infantry," the

"Ah, then you have been doing some fighting haven't you?"

"Yes, sir: at San Juan." Then you want a furlough, do you not?"

"Yes, sir; I want one badly." General Alger called for some paper, wrote out the furlough, had the chief surgeon attach his signature, and handed it to the soldier with the remark: "There, now, go pack your bag and get

ready to go home." With a glad smile the corporal saluted and went off to gather together his belongings, and the trophles he had picked up in Cuba, and the

afternoon train had him for a passenger. CUTTING RED TAPE.

Returning to the surgeons again, General Alger asked if there was anything he could do to Wheeler had had a lot of canned fruit, chicken and other good things, but that the Commissary Department would not handle it, as it was not

in their line of regular Army supplies An orderly was at once dispatched to the Commissary Department, and within two hours the things were arriving in the hospital. Before leaving the general hospital General Alger also recommended that the hospital guard be doubled, and that the men sent there be prepared to do such police work as was necessary

in keeping the hospital grounds absolutely cean. From the general hospital General Aige been at all well of late, and then started back to General Wheeler's headquarters, making a wide detour to get on one of the high sand dunes, from which he could obtain a general hird's-eye view of the camps. To get to the hill he had to pass between the camps of the to-morrow. The first arrivals will be landed at 9th and 10th Cavalry, colored troops. The men were busy about camp, and no officer was in sight, but one of the colored men saw General MAIL SERVICE IN PORTO RICO. Alger approaching, and they lined up along the road and saluted. The General walked with

uncovered head until he had passed their lines. It was rather late when General Wheeler's headquarters were reached and luncheon was served. Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, had dropped in, and as the party sat at luncheon the 3d Infantry, in command of Captain Hannay, which had been in the El Caney fight, and the 20th Infantry in command of Major McCaskey, which had participated in the battle at

As they came up the road General Alger expressed a desire to see them, and the party left their luncheon and went out to the bluff overlooking the road. As the head of the column approached, General Alger called out to Colonel Harbach, "I'm glad to see you." Colonel Harbach saluted with his sword, and each file as it passed by gave a marching salute to the two Generals and Senator Hoar. As they marched past General Alger remarked upon the awfully bad condition the men were in, and expressed the hope that the men would soon get over their sickness here. In the af ernoon there was a conference of the division commanders and General Alger. The Generals are to set forth their ideas of the needs and necessities of the camp

To-night it is General Alger's intention to sleep in a tent at General Wheeler's headquarters, and no amount of persuasion will prob-

General Alger's visit, short as it has been so far, has been productive of wonderful good to the camp hospitals and soldiers. By his au-

THE SICK ON THE RIO GRANDE.

The following is the list of names of soldiers transferred from the transport Rio Grande to the hospital at Fort Wadsworth. All of the men are suffering from dyseatery, malaria and lack of

LAWRENCE G. BALDWIN, private, Company

JOHN L. DISLION, private, Company G. 71st Infantral ROBERT JOHNSON, private, Company C, 25th Infantral JOHN ST. CLAIR, private, Company E, 1st Cavalla

San Juan, marched up the hill, under the com-mand of Lieutenant-Colonel Harbach, of the 3d, to the detention camp.

and then it will be decided just what is about to be done for the soldiers' comfort.

MUCH GOOD ALREADY DONE.

thority he has been able to accomplish for the hospital what the medical staff has been striving for two weeks to attain. He has cor-General Miles's plans contemplate an immedihas improved the means of transportation; has had quantities of lumber drawn to the new hospital annex; has had extra carpenters secured; and the work on the hospital annex is now progressing rapidly and with renewed enthusiasm.

LIST OF THE MEN TRANSFERED TO THE HOS PITAL AT FORT WADSWORTH.

ALDEN PARKER, private, 8th Regiment.
BENJAMIN E. CAMPBELL, corporat, Company G, Tiss
Regiment.
WILLIAM J. SNYDER, private, Company R, 24 Callfornia Regiment,
CHARLES C. WHITNEY, corporal, Company B, 26
Cavalry,
SAMIEL, W. CARTER, privately, Company B, 28
CAVALRY, CARTER, privately, Company B, 20
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